

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Silvia Salvadori, applicant's representative, on September 29, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 32 has been amended to read:

32. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 30, wherein said protein is avidin.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The rejection of claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11-14, and 18-39 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Rusckowski, et al. or Samuel, et al. in view of Goldenberg, Cokgor, et al., and MacPhee, et al. is withdrawn in view of applicant's arguments.

The claims require administration of avidin or streptavidin unconjugated to any other agent. The references teach avidin as a fusion protein or in combination with a targeting agent for administration.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANNE M. GUSSOW whose telephone number is (571)272-6047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Misook Yu can be reached on (571) 272-0839. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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